

SOYL Program Intern

Location: South and East Vancouver, BC

Application Deadline: January 15, 2018



Good Food For All

Everyone should have access to healthy food, soil, and community. We enact this vision by cultivating engaging gardens and programs that catalyze healthy eating, ecological stewardship, and community celebration. Fresh Roots stewards 1/2 acre market gardens on school grounds across the Lower Mainland. Our fields produce good food for the community, serve as hands-on outdoor classrooms and empower youth through vocational skills development.

At the core of this youth empowerment work is the SOYL program, where we hire 30 high school youth each summer to grow themselves and good food. Over the course of this unique summer leadership and employment program, youth gain skills in growing, cooking and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community and their local food system.

The Position

As part of the SOYL program team, you'll help inspire and engage youth by mentoring them to grow, cook, sell, process, and explore Good Food. You'll play a key role in making this program a success, by supporting youth recruitment and selection, developing program activities, assisting with logistics and communication and delivering the program itself. If you're passionate about working with teens and cultivating personal growth and community leadership through farming, this could be the job for you! **This intern will be eligible for summer employment through Canada Summer Jobs for May through August.**

Qualifications

- Must meet [Canada Summer Jobs Requirements](#) and be able to continue full-time in the summer
- Passion for empowering youth through outdoor and/or environmental education
- Experience working with youth as a camp counsellor or similar position
- Strong organizational capacity & attention to detail
- Confident in event planning and managing complex logistics
- Demonstrate respect and empathy for all
- Physically able and happy to work outdoors in all conditions for up to 8 hours a day
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Able to work with a team and independently
- Must have a valid class 5 driver's license and be comfortable driving a vehicle
- Have a smart phone and access to a computer
- Able to pass a criminal record check

Key Details

- UBC Credit option, 6 credits, LFS 496
- Kwantlen credit option: 3 credits, AGRI 4295
- This is a 117 hour internship from March through mid-May. Hours per month will break down roughly as follows:
 - March: 30 hours
 - April: 35 hours
 - May: 50 hours
- If hired for summer, position will transition to paid, 40 hours per week in May. Pay rate DOE, but not less than \$15.00/hour.

How to Apply

E-mail a short cover letter (500 words) and resume (in one document) to jobs@freshroots.ca with your name and the name of the position in the subject. Applications must be received no later than January 15, 2017. Review of applications will begin immediately upon reception with interviews scheduled January 22- 24. We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

